(IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP). The salient features of the Guidelines are to provide greater flexibility in implementation, focussed role for Panchayati Raj Institutions, twin track approach, exit protocol for Project Implementation Agencies, greater community participation in project implementation and post project maintenance, provision for availing the credit facility from financial institutions, transparency in implementation etc.

(c) The IWDP is being implemented through projects on watershed basis. The watershed treatment plans under these projects are location specific and in accordance with the local requirements. The major development activities taken up under these projects usually include land development, soil and moisture conservation measures (leveling, terracing, bunding, trenching, vegetative barriers, gully plugging etc.); water resources development and conservation measures (water harvesting structures like check dams, farm ponds, percolation tanks, village ponds etc.); afforestation, pasture development and conservation measures (fuel wood plantations, fodder trees, agro-forestry, silvi-pasture, horticulture etc.).

(d) The projects under IWDP are generally sanctioned in the development blocks not covered under DPAP/DDP. At present, the IWDP projects are under implementation in 297 districts of 27 States.

(e) The IWDP is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Prior to 1.4.2000, the States were provided 100% funding @ Rs. 4000 per hectare. The cost norm has been revised *w.e.f.* 1.4.2000 to Rs. 6000 per hectare to be shared by the Central and State Governments in the ratio of Rs. 5500 : Rs. 500. During 2001-02, the budgetary provision under IWDP at the Central level was Rs. 210 crore and the Rs. 169.61 crore was released to the programme States towards implementation of on-going watershed projects and sanction of new watershed projects.

Proposal submitted by Rajasthan for development of roads under PMGSY

2319. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN 'DURRU': Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Rajasthan has submitted

a comprehensive project proposal for conversion of the earth and gravel roads in the State connecting villages and habitations with over 1000 population into wider black topped roads and to provide new link roads from such habitations to the existing road network by 2003 under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details and cost thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken that the link road works as conducted with approval and consultation of the local MPs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Besides the projects being executed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), the Government of Rajasthan have, in May, 2002, forwarded a proposal for connecting 1607 Unconnected Habitations having population of 1000 persons and above at an estimated cost of Rs. 729 crore under this Programme.

All States, including Rajasthan, have been advised to give full consideration to the proposals made by the Hon'ble Members of Parliament while finalising the proposals under the PMGSY.

Funds allocated for rural development schemes

†2320. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme-wise details of amount allocated and released for the rural development schemes in Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and North Eastern States during the year 2002-2003;

(b) the scheme-wise details of the amount utilized; and

(c) the State-wise achievements made under each of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Scheme-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilised together with physical achievements under the major Schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development in respect of the States of Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and North Eastern States during the year 2002-2003 (upto June, 2002) are given in the Statement enclosed.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.